

establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.

S. 3044. A bill to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6293. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the cattle and hog industries; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6294. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's intent to close the Defense commissary stores at Darmstadt, Wuerzburg, and Hanau, Germany; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6295. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Secretary, received on May 15, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6296. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish for Trawl Catcher Vessels Participating in the Entry Level Rockfish Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XH37) received on May 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6297. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer (NC to VA)" (RIN0648-XH32) received on May 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6298. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XH33) received on May 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6299. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Wisconsin; Redesignation of Kewaunee County to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8568-2) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6300. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revision for North Dakota; Revisions to the Air Pollution Control Rules and Alternative Monitoring Plan for Mandan Refinery; Delegation of Authority for New Source Perform-

ance Standards" (FRL No. 8570-2) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6301. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; Ventura Ozone Nonattainment Area; Reclassification to Serious" (FRL No. 8568-3) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6302. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in the Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Industry; Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in Petroleum Refineries" ((RIN2060-AO90)(FRL No. 8569-1)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6303. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in the Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Industry; Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in Petroleum Refineries" ((RIN2060-AO90)(FRL No. 8568-8)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6304. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Continuous Instrumental Test Methods: Technical Amendments" (FRL No. 8568-7) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6305. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8569-9) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6306. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partner's Distributive Share" ((RIN1545-BD70)(TD 9398)) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6307. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - June 2008" (Rev. Rul. 2008-28) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6308. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance to Reduce Foreclosures of Mortgages Held by a REMIC" (Rev. Proc. 2008-28) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6309. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the determination made by the Deputy Secretary of State that six countries are not cooperating fully with U.S. antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6310. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management

Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Health Claims; Soluble Fiber from Certain Foods and Risk of Coronary Heart Disease" (Docket No. FDA-2006-P-0405) received on May 15, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6311. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Subject Protection; Foreign Clinical Studies Not Conducted Under an Investigational New Drug Application" (Docket No. 2004N-0018) received on May 15, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6312. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substances Prohibited From Use in Animal Food or Feed" ((RIN0910-AF46)(Docket No. 2002N-0273)) received on May 15, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6313. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of New Animal Drugs for Minor Uses or Minor Species" ((RIN0910-AF60)(Docket No. 2005N-0329)) received on May 15, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6314. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the number of cases arising under the No FEAR Act during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6315. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6316. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Agriculture's plan for a personnel management demonstration project; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6317. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Representative Rate; Order of Release From Competitive Level; Assignment Rights" (RIN3206-AL19) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6318. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Political Activity - Federal Employees Residing in Designated Localities" (RIN3206-AL32) received on May 14, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6319. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6320. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gaming on Trust Lands Acquired After October 17, 1988" (RIN1076-AE81) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.